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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My Friends,

We start off this year looking to see what dredging remains and reviewing our plan for paying for it. We are limited in how fast and how much silt we remove by government requirements for proper disposal. We cannot dig faster than we can dispose. We also have Hickory Bridge repairs to accomplish and maintenance on our dam to make sure any empty spots in the concrete wall are filled and our runoff basin is properly functioning. These major projects require planning, time and effort by multiple levels of inspectors, contractors and our staff. Our General Manager went over a long list of projects at the last Board meeting he has planned for this year and we are grateful for such a talented staff to get so much done.

Keeping our septic systems checked and operating properly is critical to the health of our Lake & community. There is a program, sponsored by The Thomas Jefferson Soil and Conservation District to assist folks who need help covering the cost of inspection, pumping, and perhaps replacement if appropriate with details at the BRS office.

In continuing cost cutting moves our General Manager has negotiated a new Fourth of July fireworks contractor to handle all aspects of transport, setup, igniting and removal for thousands of dollars less than before. This is our largest social event of the year and many volunteers help bring a small town flavor to our day long family events and fireworks display. We look forward to a new and exciting Fourth of July celebration this year and encourage you to plan on attending. The Board is also

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UPCOMING 2017 BRPOA MEETINGS

February 11, 2017

March 11, 2017

April 8, 2017

May 13, 2017

May 20, 2017

*Joint Annual
Meeting 10:00 AM
Community Center*

June 10, 2017

July 8, 2017

August 12, 2017

September 9, 2017

October 14, 2017

November 11, 2017

All Meetings will be held
at 9:00 AM in the BRS Office
Building unless otherwise
specified.

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looking at reducing postage costs by providing the Shore Line online and only mailing copies to those who affirmatively request that more expensive method of delivery. This means you need to notify the office of your email address to receive emailed alerts as well as your Shore Line copy. Hard copies will still be available for pickup at the office, but our goal is to transition to a mostly paperless delivery of communications to reduce costs and improve the flow of information. Don't be left out. Provide your email to the office to stay current on the latest developments.

Remember that our trash company is not required to pick up bags or items left next to trash cans on collection day. While they may, on occasion, help you out, we are supposed to place trash materials in sealed bags inside our trash containers. Leaving furniture and stacked bags next to your trash container is unsightly, may attract wildlife, and will not be picked up. We also need to get our empty trash cans back up to our houses so they do not blow around the street and create a driving hazard.

We emailed a survey to members seeking your thoughts on how we may improve our community and what you consider to be important priorities in the year ahead, The Board tracks those results and we use your survey projections on helping us focus on shared community goals through the year. Please take a few minutes and share your thoughts so we may hear from as many folks as we can. This is YOUR community and we are asking for YOUR ideas and comments to grow together.

Respectfully,

Thad Furlong

COMPLIANCE

The Virginia POA Act, Sec 55-513, permits the Board of Directors, or their designated committee to:

Suspend Privileges.

Impose fines not to exceed \$50.00, or \$10.00 per day for offenses of a continuing nature, not to exceed 90 days.

Members are entitled to a proper hearing prior to fines and suspensions being implemented.

Mailing of the Shore Line

This edition of the Shore Line will be the final one mailed directly to members that have requested that service. The Board of Directors made this decision as a method of money savings and this saved approximately \$4800.00 annually in mailing costs. Copies will be available in the office and if you have not signed up to receive one electronically, you may do that by going direct with Jessica @ brpoaom.brs@comcast.net. For those that would like a paper copy, please call the office or email us and one will be mailed to you.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting January 14, 2017

In Attendance: Thaddeus Furlong, Hal Davis, William Earhart, David Armentrout, Joe Brown, Paul Glass & Denny W. Kelly, GM.

Absent: Smokie Craig, Donna Frago, & Rick Gray

Approval of the Agenda: Furlong added one item to new business. Furlong moved for approval of the amended agenda, Armentrout seconded and approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the November 12, 2016 Board meeting were presented and revised. Furlong moved for approval of the revised minutes, Armentrout seconded and approval was unanimous.

2017 Preferred Vendor List: Furlong moved for approval, Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Revisions to Records Retention Policy: Furlong moved for approval, seconded by Earhart and approval was unanimous.

Renewal of the O&M Certificate for the Dam: Armentrout moved to approve entering into a contractual arrangement with Stantec Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$8015.00 for this project, seconded by Glass and approved unanimously.

2017 Underwater Inspection Contract: Glass moved to enter into a contract with Logan Diving & Salvage in an amount not to exceed \$5960.00, seconded by Brown, and approval was unanimous.

2017 Lake Water Quality Testing Contract: Brown moved to enter into a contract with ESS in an amount not to exceed \$1440.00, seconded by Davis and approval was unanimously.

2017 Fireworks Display: Davis moved to enter into a contract with Pyrotecnico, Inc to furnish and set off the display for the amount of \$5800.00, seconded by Earhart and approval was unanimously.

2017 Portable Toilet Services Contract: Earhart moved to enter into a contact with Jones' Johns to furnish two units in the amount of \$895.00 for the season, seconded by Glass and approval was unanimously.

Lot Combination & Shed Removal: Furlong moved to approve the member's request to combine two lots but refer the shed removal request to the GM for disposition, seconded by Davis and approval was unanimously.

End of Meeting: Furlong moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 AM, seconded by Brown and approval was unanimously.

Joint Annual Meeting

There will be a joint Annual Meeting of Blue Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc. and Ridge Utilities, Inc. on May 20, 2017. The meeting will be conducted in the Community Center and officially begins at 10:00 AM. Please come early for registration! CALLING ALL CANDIDATES. RU will elect two Directors and BRPOA will elect three Directors. Mark your calendars now.



**NOMINATIONS TO THE
BRPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We, the undersigned members of Blue Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc.,
do hereby endorse the nomination of _____
for election to the Board of Directors of the Blue Ridge Property Owners
Association, Inc., in the May 20, 2017 election.

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

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I am in compliance with all BRPOA, Inc., rules and regulations and have no
delinquent monetary obligations to BRPOA, Inc., and/or Ridge Utilities, Inc.

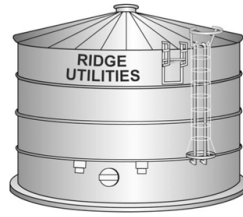
I am not involved as a party in any legal proceedings in which BRPOA, Inc., and/
or Ridge Utilities, Inc., is an adverse party.

If elected, I will serve in the office to which I am elected.

Candidate _____ Date _____

(Signature)

**Nominations accepted in the Association office
through 12 Noon Saturday, April 1, 2017.**



**NOMINATIONS TO THE
RIDGE UTILITIES, INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We, the undersigned customers of Ridge Utilities, Inc., do hereby endorse the nomination of _____ for election to the Board of Directors of Ridge Utilities, Inc., in the May 20, 2017, Election.

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

I am in compliance with all Ridge Utilities, Inc., rules and regulations and have no delinquent monetary obligations to Ridge Utilities, Inc.

I am not involved as a party in any legal proceedings in which Ridge Utilities, Inc., is an adverse party.

If elected, I agree to serve as a Director of the Board to the best of my ability for the term of my election or my sooner resignation or disqualification.

Candidate _____ Date _____

(Signature)

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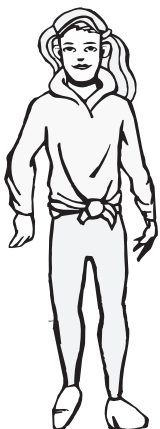
MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING January 12, 2017

Amick, James	Gheen, Randolph M.	Reese, Carrie & Sylvia Johnson
Anderson, John W.	Harrison, Vernon & Patricia	Sherman, Benjamin A.
Barber, Thayne & Lauren	Hoosier, Danny & Lori	Shull, Mark, Jr.
Burrer-Meza, Nancy	Hughes, Justin & Whitley	Waller, Jessica
Evans, Tara & Brian	Johnston, Douglas K.	White, Tim
Federal National Mortgage	Kammeter, Carol W.	Wright, James & Sharon
Fuentes, Rosali	Lamb, Wilda	
Gaines-Kelly, Makeba	Libby, Walter L.	

2017 PARTIAL PAYMENT PLANS

A suggestion to members that wish to enter into a Partial Payment Plan with BRPOA for 2017 Assessments: You are urged to do that early and that will reduce your monthly payments. Please come by the office @ your convenience to make these arrangements.

Safety tips for walkers in BRS



It has come to our attention that there have been a few close calls between walkers and vehicles within BRS. Drivers, please obey the speed limit, stop signs, and most of all be on constant lookout for walkers day, and night. Causing injury or death would be a life changing event for all involved. Walkers, be aware, especially around the many blind curves, for vehicles. Don't count on them seeing you first. If you walk at night wear reflective tape or clothing. This improves the odds of the driver seeing you first. The narrow roads at BRS make these safety tips especially valuable.

Thank you,
Smokie Craig
Safety and Security Chair

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

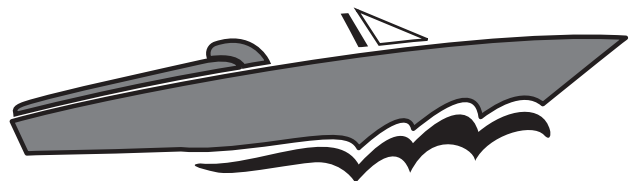
Calendar of Events

February 2017- March 2017

- **Women's Club Meeting**, Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 10:30AM, Community Center, Trip to Red Rocker Candy, Lunch @ Castello Italian Restaurant @ Zion Crossroad
- **MNIGS Hearing**, Saturday, February 11, 2017, 8:30 AM, BRS Office
- **BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting**, Saturday, February 11, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Compliance Committee Hearing**, Saturday, February 11, 2017, 12:00PM, BRS Office
- **Quilting**, Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Community Center
- **Third Thursday Lunch & Movie**, Thursday, February 16, 2017, 11:30AM, Community Center
- **Community Services Committee Meeting**, Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Chili Cook-Off**, Saturday, February 25, 2017, 6:00PM Social, 6:30PM Dinner, Community Center
- **Women's Club**, Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Community Center, Potluck Luncheon
- **BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting**, Saturday, March 11, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Compliance Committee Hearing**, Saturday, March 11, 2017, 12:00PM, BRS Office
- **Third Thursday Lunch & Movie**, Thursday, March 16, 2017, 11:30AM, Community Center
- **Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting**, Saturday, March 18, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Quilting**, Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Community Center
- **Community Services Committee Meeting**, Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9:30 Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9:00AM BRS Office
- **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**, Saturday, March 18, 2017, 6:00PM Social, 6:30PM Dinner, Community Center

Virginia Boating Safety Class

Section II, Policies, Rules, and Registration; D. Boats requires that all Motorboat Operators complete this class or an equivalent and present proof of Compliance to receive their boating registration this year, (2017). This policy has been phased in since 2011 and effective July 1, 2016 all operators of motor boats regardless of age, shall meet the requirements. If you have completed this class in another State and have that certificate of completion, it will meet the BRS requirements. An operator under direct supervision of an individual who has met this requirement is not required to take this class.



The Office cannot issue 2017 registration/decals unless the above requirements are met and a copy of completion is submitted for your file.

SCHOOL BUS STOP PROBLEMS



The Office continues to receive complaints regarding the school bus stop on South Lakeshore Drive. A few parents are continuing to park on South Lakeshore Drive and Beach Road which is not

permitted and crowding the bus as it enters and departs the area. Parents are parking within the entry and exit areas of the bus stop creating additional safety concerns. A few parents are driving out of the area while the flashing lights are activated and the children are walking to their parents. This is a violation of State Law. This occurs almost every day involving the Elementary School Bus. The Sheriff's Department is working in conjunction with the Association to resolve this problem. WE appreciate the parents that are helping us resolve these problems as well. Safety of the children is the single priority so please help!

Compliance Committee Report

Septic System Inspection

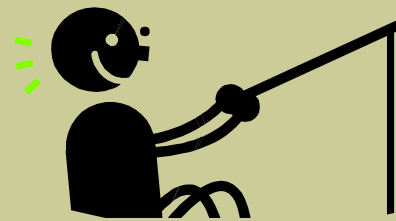
All members are required to have standard septic systems inspected every five years by a certified septic company. Alternative pumping systems must be inspected and or pumped every year. Please submit your certification to the office. This is not only a BRS requirement but a requirement from the Commonwealth of Virginia enforced by all county health departments. The BRS office notifies each member at the beginning of the year when your system is due for inspection. You have until December 31 to comply. Members that do not comply may be fined \$10 per day for 90 days. **Our Committee recently took this action on three members and this information may be posted in the Shore Line by name and Street Address.** There are no exceptions. This rule is to ensure the health of our lake and the health of our water supply. Thank you for keeping Blue Ridge Shores a healthy community for all.

POSTED SPEED LIMITS

The Association Office receives complaints routinely for people driving throughout the Community and exceeding the posted speed limits. The Louisa County Sheriff's Department has been most helpful in their attempts to resolve this problem. They have jurisdiction to write summons for speeding or reckless driving on Association Roads and the results go into Louisa County General District Court and if found guilty those results will be posted with DMV and appear on your Virginia Driver's License Records.

The Sheriff's Department has assured us of enhanced efforts to resolve these problems and will be placing Deputies in the areas of complaint. Please be considerate of yourself and others as it relates to the potential consequences of traveling too fast within the Community.

REMINDER: All Members and Registered Renters are responsible for their guests and their actions.



PROTECT OUR WATERS!

Please report any illegal dumping of items into our waters to the Administration Office at 540-967-1408

Community Services Committee

Donna Gray, Chairperson

We are off on a New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas Holiday and a very happy New Year! CSC looks forward to upcoming events planned for our community.

The Adult Christmas Dinner had an overflow crowd and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all the women who decorated the room so beautifully and Shirley Mann, Linda Markovits, Kay & Alex MacCormack and Sarah & Hal Davis for their extra help. Without the community this dinner would not be so successful.

The Children's Christmas Party was also a big success, with nearly 30 kids attending. Special thanks to Brittany Noakes and April Haase for putting this together for the children. A special thanks to Santa from the Trevilians FD, who arrived in the traditional Fire Truck!

News & Upcoming Events:

We have started up our Third Thursday Lunch & A Movie. The second movie of the year will be Thursday, February 16th at 11:30. (The choice of movie is to be determined.) Lunch will be served. The cost is \$5.00, and a takeout lunch is available if you can't stay for the flick. There is also boxed candy for purchase. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun.

The Quilters are now meeting Tuesdays from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the Community Center. No experience is necessary so feel free to join them on any Tuesday. This is social occasion, not just quilting. Any new help is welcome.

Mark your calendars. Saturday, February 25th is our annual Chili Cook Off. This is a FREE event for all residents. You do not have to make chili to enjoy the many varieties offered. You may bring corn bread or a desert if you'd like, but only your presence is required. Join the fun! This is at 6:00 in the Community Center.

The St. Patrick's Dinner will be Saturday, March 18th at 6:00PM. This is a full corned beef and cabbage dinner for only \$8. Join us for a fun time!

I want to thank all volunteers including those not mentioned above. Thanks to those that helped decorate the Community Center and those who help with all the dinners and other activities. This is our Community and we need your help. Anyone interested should call me or the BRS office.

A special Thanks to the Maintenance Workers for helping with the back room clean-up. You guys are the unsung heroes of BRS!

Crime Report

NOVEMBER, 2016

North Lake Shore Dr.

911 Open Line x 1
ACO x 1
Civil-Paper x 2
Fire-Control Burn x 1

Fairview Rd

Alarm x 1
Forgery/Fraud x 1
Welfare Check x 1

Redbud Dr

ACO x 2
Alarm x 1
Civil Paper x 1
EMS x 1
Suspicious Activity x 1

Dogwood Dr

Forgery / Fraud x 1

Ellis Dr

EMS x 1
Control Burn x 6
Suspicious Activity x 1

Ellis Ln

ATL x 1
ATV/Golf Cart x 1
Civil x 1
Welfare Check x 1

Locust Dr

Info-Repo x 1
Welfare Check x 1

Ferndale Dr

Civil x 1

Fire Investigation x 1

Nottingham Rd

Civil x 1
Forgery / Fraud x 1

South Lake Shore Dr

Alarm x 2
Forgery / Fraud x 2
Gun Complaint x 1
Info x 1
Property Check x 61

Pine Rd

Narcotic / Drug Complaint x 1

Clear Water Ln

Property Check x 1

DECEMBER, 2016

North Lakeshore Dr

Animal Control Officer Calls – 2
Attempt To Locate – 2
Emergency Medical Services Calls – 4
Vandalism – 2

Beach Rd

EMS call – 1

Redbud Rd

911-Hangup – 1
ACO Calls – 5
Civil-Paper service – 2
EMS Call – 1
Larceny – 2
Mental/Suicidal Subject – 2
Motor Vehicle Crash – 2
Property Issue – 1

Dogwood Dr

ACO Call – 1

Ellis Dr

Civil-Paper – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Fire-Controlled Burn – 1

Ferndale Dr

911-Misdial – 1
EMS call – 1
Property Check – 1

Ash Rd

ATL – 2

Poplar Dr

Property Issue – 1

S Lakeshore Dr

Alarm-Burg-Commercial – 1
Be On Look Out For – 1
Civil-Paper – 1
EMS call – 1
Officer Initiated – Follow-up – 1
Property Check – 63
Suspicious Activity – 1

Pine Rd

Civil-Paper service – 1

Lakeview Cir

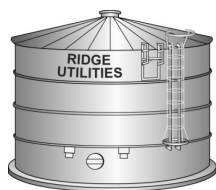
Gun Complaint/Shots Fired – 1
ACO call – 1

ACO- Animal Control Officer

ATL- Attempt to Locate

MVC- Motor Vehicle Crash

BOLO- Be On the Lookout

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Customer Service Information

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**After Hours
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Contact
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UPCOMING 2017 RU MEETINGS

**March 18, 2017
May 6, 2017
May 20, 2017
Joint Annual
Meeting 10:00 AM
Community Center
July 15, 2017
September 16, 2017
November 16, 2017**

**All Meetings will be held
at 9:00 AM in the BRS
Office Building unless
otherwise specified.**

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board of Directors will take place Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Association Office Building.

Important Due Dates

January 31, 2017 – 4th qtr. 2016 water bills due
February 16, 2017 – Disconnect Date

Water Meter Disconnects February 16, 2017

Water meter disconnects for the 4th qtr. 2016 bill will take place on 2/16/17. Should the customers find themselves in need of a payment arrangement, it is imperative that the customers make such request immediately. Once services are disconnected the account balance must be paid in full, including late charges and reconnect fee, before services will be restored. Water service is only reconnected Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

RU 2017 FEE SCHEDULE

Water Connection Fee	\$10,000.00
Quarterly Water Rates	\$108.00 (Zero to 10,000 gallons)
Overage Rate	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons of overage
Lot with Connection Only	\$16.50
Vacuum Breaker	\$16.50
Administrative Transfer Fee	\$25.00
Reconnect Fee	\$50.00
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
Credit Card Transaction Fee	4%
Quarterly Late Charge	2.5% of account balance

RU Website - Recently Upgraded

Our RU website www.ridgeutilities.com was recently upgraded. Please take the opportunity to view the site and provide any feedback or suggestions you may have to amy.brs@comcast.net. We are seeking to make the website as user-friendly and informative as possible for our customers and your input is vital to making that happen.

Prevent Frozen Pipes – Winterize Your Home Plumbing

During the very frigid temperatures last winter we had several instances of pipes

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freezing and then bursting because homeowners did not winterize their home plumbing. If you are going to be away from your residence for an extended period of time please winterize your system. Please go to the www.ridgeutilities.com to download a copy of Ridge's Winterizing Your Home Plumbing at Blue Ridge Shores. You can also obtain a copy in the Association Office or email our staff to receive a copy electronically.

If You Suspect a Frozen Pipe

The cold weather season is upon us bringing about the possibility of frozen pipes. If you open a faucet and no water comes out, don't take any chances. If you suspect a frozen pipe call a plumber. If a water pipe bursts, turn off the water at the main line cut-off valve and the house cut-off valve; leave the faucet(s) open until repairs are completed. Don't try to thaw a pipe with an open flame as this will damage the pipe and may even start a fire.

**Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting
January 21, 2017**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex MacCormack, William Munday, Molli Ellis, Stephen Tompkins, Bill Haase, June Smith & Al Fortune. Denny W. Kelly, GM and Amy Evans, Manager of Fiscal Affairs were also in attendance.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Haase to approve the November 19, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by June Smith to accept the November 2016 and December 2016 Treasurer's Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to approve the revisions to the Records Retention Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Haase made a motion, seconded by June Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Trash Removal

We would respectfully request that when you place your container out for service to place it on the opposite side of the driveway than your mailbox. The mail delivery people have requested this be done in order for them to complete their job. A reminder that no large items including empty boxes will be picked up. Please move your container from the normal storage place in order for the driver to realize it requires service.

URGENT

Let's Be Proactive and Stop The Spread Of Hydrilla

About 25 years ago, Lake Louisa was invaded by an aquatic grass called Hydrilla. This is a plant originally imported into the U.S. to be used in aquariums and sometimes called "water kudzu" because it grows so fast. Hydrilla became so thick in the lake that many of the coves were unsuitable for swimming or wading and it even became difficult to operate boats in these areas because the hydrilla fouled the propellers so badly. By introducing a type of grass carp that feeds on hydrilla and other underwater vegetation (not the common carp found in most rivers, lakes and ponds) hydrilla has been eliminated from the lake.

While we have not seen any evidence that hydrilla is making a comeback in Lake Louisa, it is definitely making a comeback in Lake Anna and other rivers and lakes in Virginia. We do not want to have a recurrence in our lake. **Hydrilla is easily spread by introducing even very small pieces into the water.**

Therefore, we are asking that if you use your boat in other lakes or rivers please do the following before putting your boat in our lake.

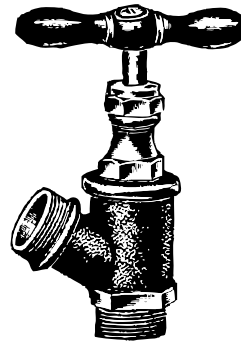
1. Carefully check the boat, motor, propeller, and trailer;
2. Remove all plant material;
3. Thoroughly rinse off the boat and trailer before launching in Lake Louisa; and
4. Do not allow the runoff from this to enter the lake.

More information can be found by doing a simple internet search on "hydrilla in Virginia waters". Your cooperation will help protect the health of our lake.

Thank you.
Lake Committee

Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District's Septic System Assistance Program

The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District is currently offering a cost-share assistance



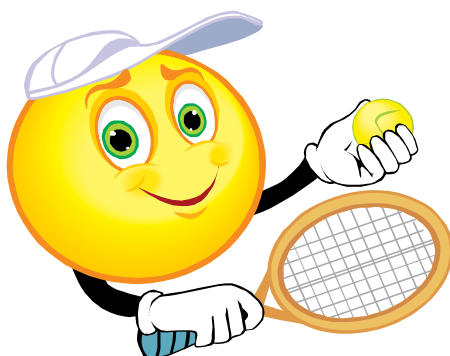
program for septic pump-outs or replacement of failing systems to the residents of Louisa County. All residents are eligible to receive up to \$150.00 towards the cost of a septic system pump out. Reimbursement rates for repairs or full replacement of septic systems range from 50-75% and are based on financial need. The TJSWCD along

with the Department of Environmental Quality has developed this cost-sharing program in order to address residential pollutants and to increase septic system awareness.

Please contact Ms Lisa Hyatt, Agriculture Administrative Assistant for questions on this item, 434-975-0224, ext. 110 or lisa.hyatt@tjswcd.org.

We have a handout in the BRS office for your convenience that you may have or call and request one.

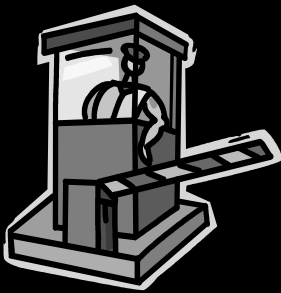
Our Deepest Sympathies and thoughts go out to the family and friends of Martin Kronander, Marian Tosti, Leroy Miller, and Brandon Stafford, who passed away since our last Shore Line was printed.



Members that play tennis can receive a key at the office for their usage at no charge!



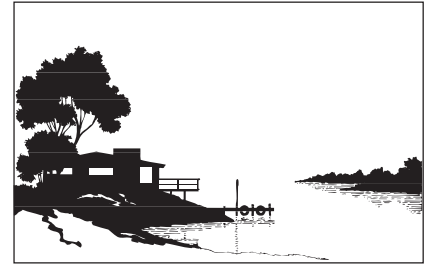
Gate breakage costs are now **\$250.00** per occurrence for 2017. Please make sure that you and your guests enter the gate one car at a time to avoid damage and fines!



Community Center and Pavilion reservations are necessary! Please make sure to reserve your date as soon as possible. Call the Association office at 540-967-1408 to secure your event!

From The Landscape Committee

Do you have a problem with bare ground, run-off and erosion? Has your shoreline changed noticeably in recent years? Has part of your bank collapsed? Does your property have areas of bare soil? Maybe you don't know which ground covers help solve landscaping challenges. We have a selection of hand-outs available at the office that provide information that might be useful to you.



Titles include:

Reducing Erosion and Runoff;
What Can I do For My Shoreline; Dealing with Geese;
Decreasing Runoff and Increasing Storm Water Infiltration;
Selecting Landscape Plants: Groundcovers; and,
Native Plants for Your Backyard.

Stop by the office and pick them up. If you have a particular question we would be happy to help find an answer. Just email Donna at casafraigo@hotmail.com. Erosion contributes to the silt and members with properties on and off the lake need to pay attention to their ground. Working together we can all help reduce run-off and erosion.

The committee will meet March 20, 2017 and is looking for a new chair. Please attend the meeting if interested.

Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

Judy Brown, 1st Vice President

On Wednesday, December 7th, the BRS Women's Club had a lovely Christmas Luncheon at CJ's on Byrd Street in Orange, Virginia. What a terrific turnout - nearly 40 ladies attended! The room was festive, the food delicious and the company delightful! Many gifts were collected for seniors who participate in JABA programs at the Betty Queen Intergenerational Center in Louisa.

The first Wednesday in January found us enjoying the company of new and old friends at our community center. We ate a yummy pot-luck luncheon and perused the books that members brought to share in a book exchange.

On Wednesday, February 1st, the BRS Women's Club will meet at the community center at 10:30 to form carpools for a visit to Red Rocker Candy in Troy, VA. Lunch will follow in the Zion Crossroads area.

Membership in the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club is open to any interested women. **NEW MEMBERS ARE JOINING EVERY MONTH!** Call Sandy Sierk, Membership Chair, at 967-1939 if you might like to be a part of this fun group. Dues for the year are just \$5.00. Come meet your neighbors and make new friends

Trash is
being picked
up weekly
on Mondays



Please be kind to your neighbors, and remove your containers from the curbside promptly after pick-up..



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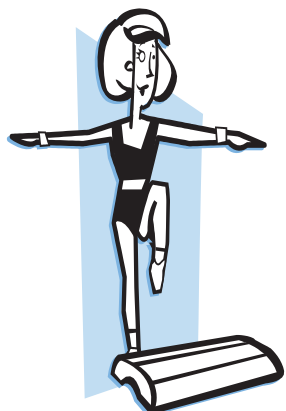


AEROBICS

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

9am

Community Center



Come join your fellow members and take part in an aerobics workout. The exercise is conducted utilizing both VHS & DVD programs on a large screen TV. There is no charge but a waiver must be signed with the understanding that participation is at one's own risk.

General Manager's Report

Denny W. Kelly

We have enjoyed working with the membership during the past year and look forward to working with the members' needs in 2017. We are extremely pleased with the fourth consecutive year of less than 5% delinquency report for assessment collections. Our collections % in 2016 was 95.6% and all but three members honored their commitments for the partial payment agreements. This also included collecting approximately \$20,498.08 in previous year's delinquencies. Appropriate liens and judgments were filed on those members that did not pay and they were declared to be MNIGS. Please review your 2017 invoice for accuracy and contact us immediately for any necessary corrections. I urge those that wish to sign up for a **Partial Payment Agreement** to do that early, in order to avoid higher monthly payments.

Please be careful in the morning and afternoons where school children are loading/unloading from the buses and walking to or from home. Just a gentle remind to all that the speed limit throughout the community, **is 25 MPH**. When the school bus has red lights on, vehicles are to remain stopped until those are turned off!

Remember nothing can be placed in the Lake including leaves without Board permission.

When you have building materials, furniture, or fuel delivered, your septic system serviced, or perhaps a moving type vehicle come to your home, please remember the gross vehicle weight cannot exceed five tons on the dam/spillway area or twenty-five tons on the Hickory Creek Bridge. It is imperative that material or service delivery adhere to those weight limits and adjust their entry into the Community according to their destination and be provided with that type of information.

RU has winterization tips in the office, should you need guidance. **It is a good idea to turn off the valve on the water meter in addition to the inside valve if you close the house for the winter.** Ridge Utilities is very pleased to announce that all required 2016 VDH testing of the water was completed with a 100% passing of those requirements. Occasionally we have a leak in one of the mains and when you observe that you do not have water, please turn the electrical breaker off to your water heater. This prevents possible damage to the heating elements. If you notice a decrease in water pressure or availability, you may have a leak. Check the water meter and if the usage dial is spinning without normal usage there is a leak. This past quarter six members experienced huge leaks. Locating these early will prevent huge water bills!

Should you witness any activity that appears unlawful contact the Sheriff's Department immediately. Your identity will not be disclosed by them. **The Sheriff's Department is currently assisting by monitoring the speed of vehicles on the roadways and activities during the school bus stop related activities. This also includes stray dogs.** Their nonemergency # is 967-1234.

The BRPOA/RU employees are very diligent about their responsibilities and equally proud of the work they do for both corporations. They are multi-talented; possess a tremendous amount of corporate knowledge, and strive to make Blue Ridge Shores a better place to live. We work together to resolve problems/issues and their energy and dedication levels, pleases me very much!

In the event you have questions or comments on how we the **Staff Members** may serve you more efficiently, contact me in whatever method you prefer.



DID YOU KNOW?

Trees that are dead or have dead limbs are your and your insurance company's responsibility, should they fall and damage a neighbor's property. Live trees that fall during a storm will not be the owner's responsibility.

Please survey your property, talk with your neighbor if necessary, and remove damaged trees and limbs needed.

Please report any trees on association property needing attention that we may have missed.

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